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To authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8, 1999

Mr. CLELAND (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DASCHLE, and Mr. HARKIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business

A BILL

To authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7(b)(1) of the Small Busi-
5 ness Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” at
7 the end; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(C) during fiscal years 2000 through 2004, to
10 establish a predisaster mitigation program to make

1 such loans (either directly or in cooperation with
 2 banks or other lending institutions through agree-
 3 ments to participate on an immediate or deferred
 4 (guaranteed) basis), as the Administrator may deter-
 5 mine to be necessary or appropriate, to enable small
 6 businesses to use mitigation techniques in support of
 7 a formal mitigation program established by the Fed-
 8 eral Emergency Management Agency, except that no
 9 loan or guarantee may be extended to a small busi-
 10 ness under this subparagraph unless the Administra-
 11 tion finds that the small business is otherwise unable
 12 to obtain credit for the purposes described in this
 13 subparagraph;”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
 15 20 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 631 note) is
 16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(f) DISASTER MITIGATION PILOT PROGRAM.—The
 18 following program levels are authorized for loans under
 19 section 7(b)(1)(C):

20 “(1) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

21 “(2) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

22 “(3) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2002.

23 “(4) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2003.

24 “(5) \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2004.”.

1 (c) EVALUATION.—On January 31, 2003, the Admin-
2 istrator of the Small Business Administration shall submit
3 to the Committees on Small Business of the House of Rep-
4 resentatives and the Senate a report on the effectiveness
5 of the pilot program authorized by section 7(b)(1)(C) of
6 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C)), as
7 added by subsection (a) of this section, which report shall
8 include—

9 (1) information relating to—

10 (A) the areas served under the pilot pro-
11 gram;

12 (B) the number and dollar value of loans
13 made under the pilot program; and

14 (C) the estimated savings to the Federal
15 Government resulting from the pilot program;
16 and

17 (2) such other information as the Administrator
18 determines to be appropriate for evaluating the pilot
19 program.

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